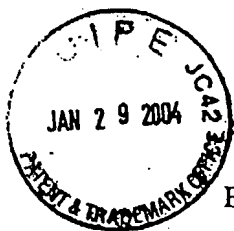


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TOBACCO SUBSTITUTE COMPOSITION



BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to a tobacco substitute composition, and in particular to a tobacco substitute composition which has an excellent effect to aid in smoking cessation. The composition does not include nicotine. The invention also relates to a method for preparing the composition.

Description of the Conventional Art

It is known in the art that a gum or a patch type product which contains a small amount of nicotine is used as a substitute for tobacco.

However, since these products contain nicotine, this is a disadvantage. Therefore, it is impossible to implement the desired effect of smoking cessation.

Tobacco substitutes which do not contain nicotine and are formed of the same type as the tobacco are described in U.S. Patents 4,506,684 and 4,719,929 which use celluloses. In addition, in U.S. Patent 4,813,438, a product made of bran, soybean, and mesquite is described. In the Japanese Patent Laid-open No. Pyung 1-273574, a product which is made of a coffee powder or leaves of a tea plant is described. In addition thereto, various products which use an organic compound as a substitute are known. In particular, in U.S. Patent 4,600,025, 2-methyl-5-(pyrrolidinomethyl)thiazole and 2-methyl-5-(piperidinomethyl) thiazole are described.

However, since the above-described products have a flavor and taste different from tobacco, these products failed to attract a smoker's interest.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Accordingly, it is an object of the present invention to provide a tobacco substitute composition which has a taste very similar to the taste of tobacco, thereby making the composition suitable for use as a smoking cessation aid.

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